



08-02-0

L. Nelson
#9/IDS
8-6-01
PATENT
96794DIV3

3729

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit: 3729

Examiner: Rick K. Chang :

In re application of :
Darryl L. Gamel, et al.

Title: COMPONENT ALIGNMENT
APPARATUSES AND METHODS

Group Art Unit No. :

Serial No.: 09/466,545 :

Group No.

Filed: December 17, 1999 :

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222

August 1, 2001

RECEIVED
AUG 06 2001
TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicant, in accordance with the duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, hereby advises the United States Patent and Trademark Office of the references listed on the accompanying form PTO-1449 *Information Disclosure Citation*. A copy of each of the references cited therein is herewith enclosed.

"Express Mail" mailing label number EF324292791US

Date of Deposit August 1, 2001

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, DC 20231

Rev. Date July 31, 2001

The enclosed references were cited by the PTO in an Office Action issued in connection with Applicant's counterpart application Serial No. 09/466,483, filed December 17, 1999. The Office Action was dated July 17, 2001.

Applicant does not believe that any fee is due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, which is filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). If, however, the PTO determines that any fees are due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, the PTO is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 11-1110 for those fees.

Applicant notes that although the cited references may be relevant to the examination of the above-referenced application, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), the filing of this *Information Disclosure Statement* "shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in § 1.56(b)."

Respectfully submitted,



Maria Comninou
Registration No. 44,626

Attorney for Applicants

Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP
Henry W. Oliver Building
535 Smithfield Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2312

(412) 355-6583